SUBJECT No. 5.

Introduction of the Village *Panchayet* Court and of the Village Munsiffs' Act.

Messrs. C. Vaman Rao and N. Subba Rao, Nagar Taluk; M. Venkatakrishniah, Madappa and N. Srikantiah, Mysore City Municipality; H. C. Subba Rae, Hunsur Taluk; Krishnasastri and Somasetti, Krishnarajpete Taluk; Lakshminarasimha Iyengar, Y. S. V. Sabha, Melkote; Lingegowda, Mysore District Board; K. Sankaranarayana Rao, Nagar Sabha; Hutchvire Gowda, Gubbi Taluk; Karebhama Narasimha Setti, Closepet Sub-Taluk; D. S. Dasappa, Bangalore District Board; Malali Venkatramiah, Manjarabad Taluk; Chikramanna, Byregowda, and Doddavembraliah, Kolar Taluk; T. Venkatappa, Shimoga Taluk; and H. Gundappa, Kunigal Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The Village *Panchayet* Rules and the Village Munsiffs' Act may be introduced. One or two courts may be tried in each taluk.

Reply of Government.—The matter is engaging attention.

SUBJECT No. 6.

The Tank *Panchayet* Bill.

(*a*) Messrs. C. Vaman Rao and N. Subba Rao, Nagar Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—(*a*) The following defects in the Tank *Panchayet* Bill should be remedied.

(1) It is provided that the village patel should be Chairman of the *panchayet*. Intelligent, competent and literate patels are only rarely found. With an incompetent patel as Chairman the object of the bill will be defeated.

(2) In the malnad taluks, much attention has not yet been paid to the restoration of the minor tanks as natural facilities such as jungle streams exist to ensure a proper supply of water. If the restoration of such tanks is taken up, the burden imposed on the ryots may be too onerous to bear.

Also, before the bill is passed into law, the actual condition of each tank, the date of its previous restoration, the period during which it has been lying in disrepair and the probable cost of its restoration should be ascertained. The condition of the ryots below each tank and the extent to which they can bear the cost of the restoration of the tank and the portion to be borne by Government must be settled by responsible local officers after due enquiry, and necessary steps should be taken in accordance with the opinion of the Deputy Commissioner for the restoration of each tank. After all the tanks have been thus restored, rules may be framed for their proper up-keep.

Simultaneously with the restoration of the tanks in the above-mentioned manner, the present *atchkat* registers of tanks should be thoroughly revised and brought up to date.

(*b*) and (*c*) Messrs. N. M. Sivalingappa, Kadur Taluk; Chikramanna, Byregowda and Doddavembraliah, Kolar Taluk; and Rama Rao, Malur Taluk.

(*b*) The proposed Tank *Panchayet* Regulation has many advantages such as (1) the allotment of the sale proceeds of grass growing on bunds, *pasavara*, etc., for purposes of repair, (2) facilities for a fair distribution of water, etc. Ryots are slow to perceive these advantages and are not ready to avail themselves of this help by praying for the early introduction of the Regulation. Government may itself take the initiative and enforce this Regulation in the case of tanks yielding a revenue of more than Rs. 5,000 and set an example to the ryots, who will then pray for its introduction to other tanks.

(*c*) If the Village *Panchayet* system is introduced, all the minor tanks will be repaired properly and the constant famine will become scarce. So the bill for the introduction of this system into the State, which is now under contemplation of the Government, may be passed early.

Reply of Government.—The Assembly may give a collective opinion on the Bill. It will be considered by the Council.

NOTE.—On the 1st November 1909, Mr. Sheshadri Iyengar presented a paper containing the views of the Assembly on the Bill and expressed thanks for the opportunity given to the Assembly to express their opinion.

SUBJECT NO. 7.

(1) Introduction of the Weights and Measures Regulation.

(*a*) Messrs. C. Vaman Rao and N. Subba Rao, Nagar Taluk; H. Gundappa, Kunigal Taluk; Hutchvire Gowda, Gubbi Taluk; B. Narasinga Rao, Seringapatam Municipality; Venkatakrishniah, Madappa, N. Srikantiah and M. C. Ranga Iyengar, Mysore City Municipality; Amble Anniah Pandit, Mysore District Board; Madappa, Mysore Taluk; Krishnasastri and Somasetty, Krishnarajpete Taluk; Devoji Rao, Yedatore Taluk; Valahatti Devappa, Gundlupet Taluk; Veene Rangasami Iyengar and K. Krishnachar, Seringapatam Taluk; D. Venkoba Rao, Hole-Narsipur Municipality; Suryanarayan Setti, Hassan District Board; and Ramaswami Setti, Arkalgud Taluk.

(*b*) (1) Messrs. Chikramanna, Byregowda, and Dodda Vembraliah, Kolar Taluk; Rama Rao, Malur Taluk; C. Peer Navaz Khan, Bowringpet Taluk; Agara Subbiah, Bangalore Taluk; B. Naraharaiya, Nelamangala Taluk.

(2) Messrs. T. Venkatappa and Nadig Sankara Rao, Shimoga Taluk; Annagiri Shama Rao, Kadur District Board.

Summary of discussion.—(*a*) For want of the existence of uniform weights and measures in the various parts of the State, the public are put to much inconvenience and loss. The introduction of a Regulation to enforce the use of uniform weights and measures throughout the State may be expedited.

(*b*) (1) Rules under the Weights and Measures Regulation may be passed early to ensure uniformity in the State.

Standard weights and measures may be prescribed for use throughout the State as follows:—

(i) *For measures of weight.*—A 24 rupees weight may be fixed as one seer, and 48 seers weight as a maund.

(ii) *For measures of capacity.*—A measure which when properly filled with grain weighs rupees 84 should be the standard seer, a measure of 20 seers should be one *kolaga* and a measure of 20 *kolagas* or 400 seers should be one *khandi*.

(2) A rule should be passed that every weight or measure, when newly manufactured, shall be produced before the Government authorities in the district headquarters and got stamped after being properly tested.

NOTE.—Several members spoke on this subject and urged the need for early action.